

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER USERS  
OF THE BEAVER RIVER SYSTEM

Held February 7, 1961

Pursuant to notice given by the State Engineer of the State of Utah, a meeting of the water users of the Beaver River System was held at the County Courthouse in Beaver City, Utah, at 10:30 A.M. of this date. Those present are shown on Exhibit I attached hereto.

Present from the State Engineer's office were: Donald C. Merseth, Distribution Engineer; Frank Reese, Business Manager; T. Vinton Smith and Clarence Erickson.

Mr. Merseth called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose thereof was to adopt a budget for the system for the coming year and to recommend to the State Engineer a water Commissioner for 1961. He also read a water forecast for 1961 showing the runoff of the Beaver River to be 80% of the 15-year normal. He discussed the 10% penalty on delinquent assessments and proposed that the penalty be levied again this year. He then turned the meeting over to Chairman Yardley.

The minutes of the Water Users and of the Water Users' Committee for 1960 were read. The items budgeted for social security and Miscellaneous were corrected to read \$90.00 and \$30.00, respectively. It was moved by J. Albert Muir that the minutes as corrected be approved. The motion was seconded by Earl Smith and passed unanimously.

Mr. Frank Reese gave his annual financial report of the Beaver River System, showing among other things, total receipts for 1960 of \$4,434.60, balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$2,379.95, expenditures of \$3,849.70, bills payable \$30.00, leaving a balance of \$2,934.85. He reported that there were also eighteen delinquent accounts totaling \$517.35. Stanley McKnight requested that the delinquent accounts be reported to show how much was delinquent assessments and how much was penalties. Mr. Reese stated he would do so in the future. It was moved by A. J. Low that the report be approved. The motion was seconded by John Ashwerth and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lee Strong gave his annual report as water commissioner, showing present snow and water measurements on the water shed, the amounts of water in the Beaver River and amounts delivered to the various ditches during 1960. He also made recommendations that certain ditches should install new weirs or headgates or both before April 1st. It was moved by J. Albert Muir, seconded by Stanley McKnight and passed unanimously that the report be approved.

Chairman Yardley called for nominations for a water commissioner to be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment. The application of Lee Strong was read. Robert Christiansen nominated Lee Strong. The nomination was seconded by Stanley McKnight. There being no further nominations and it being put to a vote, Lee Strong was elected by acclamation.

Nominations were called for five committee members. A. J. Low asked for information as to how committee members were elected. From the discussion that followed, it appeared that members had been chosen geographically. However, no one knew of by-laws covering the matter, or just how members were chosen. Mr. Low moved that a committee be appointed to investigate whether or not there were by-laws touching on the matter, and if none could be found, to draft some. The motion was seconded by Albert Muir and passed.

*Committee*  
*2 Minersville*  
*3 county at large*  
*Wesley Chapman*



Robert Christiansen moved that the present committee, namely, Wallace D. Yardley and John G. White of Beaver; Amasa Barton of Greenville; and Stanley McKnight and Wm. H. Wood of Minersville, be re-elected. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Roberts and on being put to vote was passed unanimously.

The proposed budget adopted earlier by the Committee was presented to the Water Users for approval. It was moved by Clark Smith that the proposed budget be approved. The motion was seconded by A. J. Low and passed unanimously. It was moved by Stanley McKnight that the State Engineer be authorized to levy assessments on the system to raise \$3,000.00 and that the balance of \$1,000.00 be drawn from the reserves of the system. The motion was seconded by John G. White and unanimously passed.

Earl T. Smith raised the question of loss of water by the Telluride Power Company along the company's flowline in the Beaver Canyon and requested that the representatives of the State Engineer's office ride upon the canyon and see for themselves the seriousness of the situation. Several other members talked on the question. Mr. Nerseth stated he thought it was a problem for the Water Users' Committee and of for the State Engineer, and that the Water Users' Committee should contact the Telluride Power Company to see what could be done about it. He agreed that he would try to arrange time to look the situation over.

Present business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned, subject to call of the State Engineer.

C. Victor Smith, Secretary

EXHIBIT I

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
T. Vinton Smith	State Engineer's office
Frank Reese	" " "
Donald C. Nerseth	" " "
Clarence Erickson	" " "
Wallace D. Yardley	Chairman, Beaver River Water Users
Lee Strong	Water Commissioner
C. Victor Smith	Secretary, Beaver River Water Users
Clark W. Smith	Private Ditch
Sheldon Roberts	West Field Canal & Irrig. Co.
Keith J. Chapman	Seki Conservation Service
J. Albert Muir	Sec., 2nd North West Canal & Irrig. Co.
Wm. H. Wood	Minersville Irrigation Co.
Stanley McKnight	Rocky Ford Irrigation Co.
Grant M. Esplin	Beaver County Agent
John G. White	Upper Beaver & North Creek
Amasa Barton	Greenville & Adamsville
Paul Griffiths	Abadare Canal
Seldon Newers	West Field Canal & Smith-Muir Slough
Arnold J. Low	Kents Lake Reservoir Co.
Fech Parkinson	Kents Lake Reservoir Co.
Earl T. Smith	Kents Lake Res. Co. & Willis Canal
M. J. Warr	Kents Lake Reservoir Co.
Rex Limb	West Side Irrig. Co.
Thomas Muir	Indian Creek
James B. Morgan	West Field Canal & Irrig. Co.
Martell Easton	Beaver City
John Ashworth	North West Canal & Mammoth Canal
Clarence Gillins	Rocky Ford Irrigation Co.
Thurman Byre	Rocky Ford Irrigation Co.

